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DORTICOS SPEECH GIVEN BEFORE FULL HOUSE, INCLUDING LARGE SUPPORTING CLACQUE IN GALLERY AND IN RESERVED SIDE SEATS IN FLOOR OF HALL. UN OFFICIAL INFORMED US MISSION CUBA HAD RESERVED 250 AND SOVIETS 75 PUBLIC ADMISSION TICKETS FOR GALLERY IN ADDITION TO RESERVATION OF MAIN FLOOR SIDE SEATS. DORTICOS REITERATIONS AND OBVIOUSLY ARRANGED APPLAUSE INCREASINGLY IRKED DELEGATES AS DORTICOS ONE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTE SPEECH WENT INTO FINAL LAP WITH FINISH CELEBRATED BY FRONT ROW BALCONY DISPLAY OF PRO-CUBA BANNER READING "KENNEDY HANDS OFF CUBA". HOWEVER, DELEGATES MAY HAVE BEEN EQUALLY, IF NOT MORE ANNOYED WITH REPEATED OUTBURSTS OF ANTI-DORTICOS GROUP, MANY OF WHOM EXPELLED FROM HALL DURING EARLY PART OF SPEECH. NOT ONLY PACKED HOUSE BUT HORSE AS WELL AS FOOT POLICEMEN AND PICKETING OUTSIDE HELPED ADVERTISE CUBA'S SHOW. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT CUBAN UN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO UN SYG WHICH WAS BASIS FOR BURDEN OF DORTICOS' SPEECH NOT YET CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS. SECRETARIAT INFORMANT REPORTED THAT ITS PUBLICATION IS A "POLITICAL MATTER."

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DORTICOS OPENED COMMENTING ON GLOOMY WORLD SITUATION BUT  
[ ? ] IN UN; OPPOSED ALL ATOM TESTING;  
[ ? ] OF FREEDOM OF TRADE AND A WORLDWIDE TRADE CONFERENCE  
[ ? ] ADMISSION OF RED CHINA TO UN AND SPEED UP OF IMPE-  
[MENTATION OF] DECLARATION AGAINST COLONIALISM, INSISTED  
[ ? ] SOUTH KOREA AND LAOS.

THEIR INTERUPTIONS AT THIS POINT PROMPTED DORTICOS AD LIB  
 "WELL, THAT'S ALL OF THEM. WE'RE GOING TO DISTURB US,  
 BUT WE'LL TRY TO MAINTAIN A DEGREE OF FREEDOM OF DEBATE."

THEY WENT INTO WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS SO-CALLED "CUBAN  
REVOLUTION". SAID TENSION WENT BACK TO FIRST CUBAN LAWS  
AGAINST MONOPOLY AND IN FAVOR AGRARIAN REFORM. THESE CUBAN  
REFORMS WERE FOLLOWED BY AGGRESSIVE US ACTION, INSOLENT  
DIPLOMATIC NOTES, CUT IN SUGAR QUOTA AND AIRFLIGHTS, ET CETERA  
"ALL OF THIS OCCURRED LONG BEFORE OUR REVOLUTION ACQUIRED A  
SOCIALIST CHARACTER." HOWEVER, NOT EVEN AFTER DISASTER  
OF BAY OF PIGS (TO WHICH HE REFERRED AS PLAYA GIRON THROUGHOUT)  
DID US LEARN LESSON. ECONOMIC PRESSURE USED TO HARASS  
CUBA BUT STILL CUBAN PRODUCTION, NOT COUNTING SUGAR, UP  
7 PERCENT AND THIS ON BASIS BALANCED ECONOMY. EDUCATIONAL  
DRIVE HAD ELIMINATED ILLITERACY DESPITE "ORGANIZED MERCENARY  
BANDS HIRED BY US WHO MURDERED YOUNG TEACHERS SEEKING TO WIPE  
OUT SCOURGE OF ILLITERACY." HAVING LEARNED NOTHING  
FROM BAY OF PIGS US CONTINUED AGGRESSIVE ACTS: TRAINING OF  
SABOTEURS AND AGENTS; PROVOCATION FROM GUANTANAMO,  
VIOLATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, OVERFLIGHTS AND "LURKING  
US WARSHIPS" VISIBLE FROM HAVANA. LACK OF TIME PREVENTED  
RELATING ALL AGGRESSIVE ACTS WHICH WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY  
SUBMITTED IN WRITING.

1. THIS POINT AND SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO FACT THAT QUALITATIVE SITUATION TODAY DIFFERS FROM PRE-BAY OF PIGS DAYS. BEFORE BAY OF PIGS, US ASSURED CUBA IT HAD NO AGGRESSIVE INTENT. LATER PRESIDENT OF US HAD TO ADMIT AGGRESSION. REFERRED TO US ANNOUNCED POLICY TO OVERTHROW REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN CUBA AND PARTICULARLY TO WHAT HE CALLED WARLIKE HYSTERIA IN PRESS AND RADIO, AND EXAGGERATION OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHING PORT DESCRIBED AS ARMED AGGRESSION THUS "RAISING CODFISH AND HERRING TO LEVEL OF INSTRUMENTS OF WAR". PLACED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESSURE AND HYSTERIA ON POLICY OF NEW ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAD REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIM WHEN IT FIRST CAME INTO OFFICE. REFERRED TO WASHINGTON MFM AS CONTEMPT OF UN AND A FLOUTING OF OAS AND ASKED WHY FMS WERE NOT CONSULTED PRIOR TO BAY OF PIGS.

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SERIOUS INTERRUPTIONS AT THIS POINT PROMPTED DORTICOS AD LIB  
[AND SAID] INTERRUPTIONS OF THIS NATURE DIDN'T DISTURB US,  
[ ? ] WE KNOW THIS IS A COUNTRY WHERE NO FREEDOM OF DEBATE."

THEN WENT INTO WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS SO-CALLED "CUBAN  
PROBLEM." SAID TENSION WENT BACK TO FIRST CUBAN LAWS  
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STILL HAD PRAISE FOR SOME FMS WHO INSISTED ON COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO NON-INTERVENTION AND SELF-DETERMINATION DESPITE US PRESSURE.

CHARGED ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS WAS ONLY OPPORTUNISM AND FRAUD. IF US DESIRED REALLY BE HELPFUL BACKWARD COUNTRIES IT SHOULD ALSO AID CUBA BUT INSTEAD IS HARASSING IT.

US UNILATERAL ACTIONS WERE NOT ONLY CONTRARY TO AIMS OF UN CHARTER BUT WOULD LEAD TO WAR. REFERRED TO ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AS ACT OF WAR IN TIME OF PEACE. ASKED UN "CONDEMNATION OF SUCH AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS OF US". CUBA NOT STANDING ALONE BUT BEING BACKED UP BY SOLIDARITY OF WORLD'S PEOPLE.

REFERRED TO JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS AS PREPARATION FOR AND "RATIONALIZATION AND LEGALIZATION OF FUTURE US INVASION OF CUBA".

ATTEMPTS OF CUBA, THE VICTIM, TO PROTECT ITSELF FILLS US LEADERS WITH PANIC. THIS AN ABSURD REACTION. EXPATIATED AT LENGTH ON CUBA'S RIGHT AND NEED TO ARM ITSELF AND POINTED TO DREARY PICTURE OF WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO CUBA IF IT HAD NOT BEEN SOMEWHAT ARMED AT BAY OF PIGS. STILL CUBA WOULD PREFER SPEND ON DEVELOPMENT SUMS NOW SPENT ON ARMS.

REFERRED TO CUBAN GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO EFFECT THAT IF US GUARANTEES CUBAN TERRITORY, CEASES ITS AGGRESSION, PROMISED NO MORE AGGRESSION, CUBA'S WEAPONS AND ARMY WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. MEANWHILE, CUBA NOT OBLIGATED EXPLAIN ITS ACTIONS TO US CONGRESS.

REFERRED TO GUANTANAMO AS BASE FOR TRAINING, ATTACKS, INFILTRATION, ET CETERA, AGAINST CUBA. ALTHOUGH GUANTANAMO RIGHTFULLY CUBAN, AND WOULD BE SUBJECT EVENTUALITY TO NEGOTIATIONS, CUBA WOULD REFUSE TO BE PROVOKED INTO ACTION AGAINST CUBA WHICH WOULD BE PRETEXT FOR US AGGRESSION.

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STATED CUBA CONTINUES READY LIGHTEN TENSIONS AROUND US-CUBAN RELATIONS BUT REFUSAL US NEGOTIATE PROVES US AIM IS OVERTHROW CUBAN REGIME. CUBA HAD "RIGHT CHALLENGE US DEL" IF READY TAKE UP OFFER NEGOTIATE AND GUARANTEE US DOES NOT INTEND ATTACK CUBA, BACKING UP WORDS WITH DEEDS. STATED HE WAS PESSIMISTIC US WOULD ACCEPT THIS OFFER OR GIVE THIS ASSURANCE.

PERIODICALLY US-CUBAN PROBLEM WAS HEMISPHERIC PROBLEM BUT RATHER THAT NEED, ILLITERACY, HUNGER AND US INTERFERENCE IN CONCERNS OF OTHER AMERICAN STATES WERE REAL HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS.

CLOSED BY CALLING ON US TO STOP ITS "HAUGHTY MARCH" AND LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF INTERNATIONAL WISDOM. OTHERWISE IF US CONTINUES ITS AGGRESSION, CUBA READY TO FIGHT FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS UNLEASHING WORLD WAR.

FOLLOWING SPEECH STEVENSON ROSE TO POINT OF ORDER, COMMENTING ON POOR TASTE OF CHIEF OF STATE IN CEREMONIAL APPEARANCE USING ROSTRUM ATTACK US WITH UNPARALLELED CALUMNIES. STATED INTEND REPLY TO FALSE CHARGES OUTSIDE HALL. SUBSEQUENTLY MADE STATEMENT TO OVERFLOW PRESS GROUP ALONG LINES STATEMENT WHICH WAS SUBJECT MISSION-DEPARTMENT INTERCHANGE.

FOR COMMENTS ON SPEECH SEE USUN CLASSIFIED SUMMARY.

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